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LETTER

In re Application of :
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This is in response to the "LETTER ENCLOSING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT" filed January 16, 2004 in Application No 10/082,781. The "LETTER ENCLOSING NOTICE..." was mailed in Application No. 10/076,862. Applicants suggest this is a mistake on the part of the Office in relation to the application number.

A review of the record discloses that on February 14, 2002 Application No. 10/076,862 was deposited by Express Mail receipt No. EV 005 525 098 US, requesting a continuation in part of Application No. 09/187,917. The "New Application Transmittal" letter, Practitioner's Docket No. 813-001-028-1, indicates that this is patent application of joint inventors George M. Sawyer, Theodore Langevin and Richard Baylis for "IMAGER FEATURING SERVICE STATION ASSEMBLY FOR SERVICING IMAGER PRINT HEADS," and that 29 pages of specification, 15 pages of claims and 13 sheets of drawings, *inter alia*, are included. It is also noted that the transmittal letter includes an original signature. On March 7, 2002, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed requiring (1) an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63, (2) the requisite surcharge and filing fees, and (3) substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. Since no response was filed a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 15, 2003.

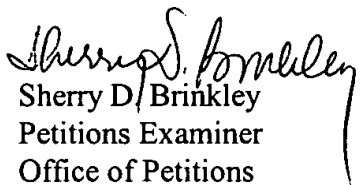
Application No. 10/082,781 was deposited on February 22, 2002 by Express Mail receipt No. EV 005 525 331 US, requesting a continuation in part of Application No. 09/187,917. The "New Application Transmittal" letter, also Practitioner's Docket No. 813-001-028-1, indicates that this is patent application of joint inventors George M. Sawyer, Theodore Langevin and Richard Baylis for "IMAGER FEATURING SERVICE STATION ASSEMBLY FOR SERVICING IMAGER PRINT HEADS," and that 30 pages of specification, 15 pages of claims and 13 sheets of drawings, inter alia, are included. The transmittal letter also includes an original signature. On March 22, 2002, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed requiring (1) an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63, (2) the requisite surcharge and filing fees, and (3) substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. Applicants responded on July 1, 2002. Thereafter, the application was further processed and subsequently forwarded to Technology Center AU 2854 for prosecution.

Since a review of the record shows that the Notice of Abandonment properly issued in Application No. 10/076,862, no further action is deemed necessary on the part of the Office.

Application No. 10/076,862 is being returned to the Files Repository as an abandoned application.

Application No. 10/082,781 is being returned to Technology Center AU 2854 for further prosecution.

Telephone inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.


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